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Evangelism – the Essence of Church Growth

Grabbing a Vision for the Future – Part 4



**Purpose: “Transforming Lives through Christ’s message
of forgiveness, purpose and hope.”**

Evangelism

- ❖ We will have a presence in our community as a church of authentic Christianity, not mere empty religion (Matt. 23:23-26). We will always remain evangelical in our approach- never abandoning the basic message of the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ (I Cor. 15:1-4). We will be a church that ministers to the whole needs of people- marriage, family, work, hurts and hang-ups, etc.
- ❖ We will be a church where missions outreach is vital (Matt. 28:19-20) We will always be open to new and innovative ideas of reaching more for Christ (Ecc. 10:10; I Cor. 9:19-22). We will be a church where each person makes it their personal mission to bring others into the kingdom of God and build them to maturity (Mark 5:19).

THREE KINDS OF CHURCH GROWTH:

1. _____ Growth
2. _____ Growth
3. _____ Growth

FOUR REASONS WHY THE CHURCH MUST NEVER STOP GROWING:

1. **BECAUSE GOD’S WORD** _____
(Matthew 28:18-20, Acts 1:8)
2. **THE** _____ **OF THE PEOPLE**
(Matthew 25:41, 46, 2 Corinthians 5:14, 2 Peter 3:9. Luke 15:4)

3. **JESUS BELIEVED IN** _____
(Matthew 16:18, 5:5, 5:13-14, Mark 2:17)

4. **IT IS** _____ **FOR A CHURCH
TO GROW** (Colossians 2:19)

Arguments against numerical growth:

1. God _____ in numbers.
(Luke 15:7)
2. Our church wants _____ not _____
(Mark 1:17)
3. As a church gets bigger it becomes _____

5 Things I can do to help my church grow:

1. Ask God where He wants me to serve.
2. Pray for the growth of our church.
3. Join a small group.
4. Make a prayer list of people I know that need the Lord.
5. Ask God to help me bring five people to Christ and build them.